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HANCOCK'S BEACHES CLOSED

Gov. Tate Reeves issues a statewide Shelter-In-Place order to protect public health



Photo by Cassandra Favre | Sea Coast Echo
Mississippi's beaches officially closed on Friday, April 3, in accordance with Gov. Tate Reeves' Shelter in Place order.

On Wednesday, April 1, Governor Tate Reeves issued a Shelter in Place order, which requires that all Mississippi residents and visitors shelter in place and not engage in prohibited and detailed in that Executive Order No. 1466. The Governor's Shelter in Place order will take effect today, April 3, 2020, at 5 p.m. CST and continue until 8 a.m. on Monday, April 20, 2020. The Governor's Executive Order No. 1466 is attached hereto.

Also, on April 1, 2020, Hancock County, Bay Saint Louis and Waveland separately met and issued additional orders and proclamations

limiting activities and implementing rules further to the emergency caused by the Coronavirus-19 pandemic. The orders of each of those entities are additional orders and do not replace any prior orders from Coronavirus-19 (except to the extent they have become more strict), which all prior orders remain in full force and effect.

THE GOVERNOR'S SHELTER IN PLACE ORDER:

The Governor's Shelter in Place Order provided that:

1. Individuals currently living in Mississippi are ordered to stay at home or in their residences except as otherwise allowed in the or-

der;

2. Evictions are suspended for residences within the State of Mississippi;

3. Non-essential businesses shall cease operations, with the term "non-essential businesses" being those defined by Executive Order No. 1463 as supplemented;

4. Essential businesses may remain open, though essential businesses do not include fitness and exercise gyms, dance studios, clubs, tattoo parlors, spas, salons, barber shops, and other similar personal care and grooming facilities;

5. Restaurants and

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Amid social distancing, Bay St. Louis boy gets 'street parade' for his 10th birthday

BY STACEY CATO
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The Hancock County community rallied together to host a street parade last Tuesday for a Bay St. Louis boy whose 10th birthday was sidetracked due to social distancing amid the coronavirus crisis.

At around noon on Tuesday, police cars, fire trucks, a tow truck, Jeeps and even a large tanker paraded down St Francis Street in Bay St Louis, honking their horns and blaring 10-year-old Taz Rivas' favorite song to help celebrate his special

day.

The parade was organized after Taz's mother, Crystol, took to Facebook requesting the small gesture for her son.

"I was wondering if anyone would be interested in organizing a sort of lawn-bomb birthday parade with me for Taz," Crystol asked in the Facebook post. "His big TEN is on TUESDAY and it would be a very special and fun surprise to celebrate in a small way together ... but apart."

Crews from Mississippi Power's Bay St Louis Office gave Taz his very own hard hat prior to the parade.

The Bay St Louis Police Department, the Bay St Louis Fire Department and the Hancock County Sher-

iff's Office were among those who participated in the parade. Friends of the family and many local business owners also helped celebrate.

Other officials and community members handed gifts out the windows of their cars and threw birthday cards on the lawn as they paraded past his house and through the streets screaming, "Happy Birthday."

Those who couldn't be a part of Tuesday's small parade celebration visited later in the day, outside the home, some even showing up in groups caroling.

Crystol said her son was surprised and excited, proclaiming the social distancing birthday parade celebration as "his best birthday ever!"



Photo courtesy of Crystol Rivas
Bay St. Louis resident Taz Rivas celebrated his "best birthday ever" on Tuesday when several local agencies worked together to conduct a street parade for him.

Another death from COVID-19 in Hancock County

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The Mississippi State Department of Health on Tuesday reported 177 new cases of COVID-19 in the state and eight new deaths, including one new case and one new death in Hancock County.

"The total of Mississippi's cases since March 11 now stands at 1,915, with 59 deaths," according to an MSDH statement issued Tuesday morning.

As of 6 p.m. on Monday, Hancock County had 31 total cases of

COVID-19, with two deaths officially attributed to virus-related causes. Due to privacy laws, the MSDH does not reveal the identities or locations of those either testing positive for the virus or dying from it.

As of Tuesday morning, the number of cases in Harrison County had jumped from 79 to 89, but the number of deaths there remained at three. Pearl River County went from 52 cases to 56, with one new death from the virus, bringing the total there to three.

As of 6 p.m. on Mon-

day, the MSDH had tested 6,568 people across the state with 650 of them testing positive for the virus. Other healthcare providers around the state had tested 14,061 individuals, with about 1,265 testing positive for COVID-19. Approximately 20,370 people have been tested statewide.

MSDH data indicates that about 30 percent of those who have tested positive for the virus have been hospitalized, as of Monday, April 6.

Both state and local health officials have said

it is still too early to start releasing or recording recovery data.

"The MSDH Public Health Laboratory, its partners, and private providers are testing statewide for COVID-19," according to the agency. "Anyone with symptoms of fever, severe cough or severe chest pains — especially those who are older or in poor health — should make arrangements for testing with their doctor or one of the many healthcare providers now performing testing. Healthcare providers can assess

your health history and symptoms, and perform testing for COVID-19 as needed. MSDH is also helping conduct free drive-up testing sites in many parts of the state.

"Always call ahead to the testing provider for instructions on safely being examined before you visit for your test."

There are now three COVID-19 testing sites open in Hancock County.

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Hancock North Central Elementary teachers share message for students



From the teachers at Hancock North Central Elementary, "We miss our students so much. We want to make sure they know we are thinking of them each and every minute during this crisis."

Photo submitted

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- Memorial Hancock Family Practice, 4433 Leisure Time Drive, Diamondhead, Monday – Friday 8 a.m. –5 p.m. and Sat & Sun 9 a.m. – 3 p.m.

Call (228) 867-5000 before visiting a clinic to allow the staff to determine

the next steps and to prepare for your arrival.

Late on Monday, MSDH issued new recommendations for healthcare workers, essential businesses, and the general public, including:

- Everyone should wear a cloth mask when away from home in places like grocery stores where a distance of at least six feet between persons can't easily be maintained. (Remember, surgical masks or other medical-grade

masks should be reserved for healthcare workers only.)

- Essential businesses should make every effort to ensure proper hand hygiene, avoid crowding, and encourage social distancing.
- Healthcare workers should wear a face covering (either manufactured or appropriate cloth mask) throughout the workday in clinical care areas, even if they do not come into direct contact with patients.

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bars may remain open but limited to drive-thru, curbside and/or delivery service;

6. All places of amusement are closed, whether inside or outside, and including without limitation parks, playgrounds, children's party and play facilities, beaches, lakes, reservoirs (though not including walking trails), movie theaters, bowling alleys and social clubs;

7. All public private and social no-essential gatherings of ten people or more in a single space where individuals are in close proximity shall be cancelled or rescheduled;

8. Individuals may leave their homes only to perform the essential activities listed in that Order;

9. Individuals engaged in essential travel shall adhere to the CDC and Department of Health recommendations and guidance.

The Order also allowed local governments to impose additional more strict measures.

HANCOCK COUNTY'S ORDERS:

On April 1, 2020, Hancock County issued an order prohibiting use of its parking lots or parking bays adjacent to the Hancock County beach that are County owned or controlled, except for use of those lots and bays for persons using the walking trail adjacent to the beach. This Order also proscribes loitering in those lots and bays. Notably, the Governor's Order No. 1466 closes all beaches of the state, including without limitation those of Hancock County. Hancock County's closure of the parking lots and bays will begin on April 3, 2020, at 5:00 p.m. CST corresponding with the timing of the Governor's closure of the beaches. As of this date, the rivers, bays sounds and gulf within Hancock County are not closed, but they cannot be accessed via the beach, nor are any persons allowed on the beach (whether public or private) as per the Governor's Order. The walking trail/bike path adjacent to the beaches remains open.

Also on April 1, 2020, Hancock County issued an order prohibiting the issuance of marriage licenses to non-Mississippi residents effective on April 1, 2020, at 5:00 p.m.

Hancock County (as well as the City of Diamondhead) presently have no curfew. A full copy of the resolutions from Hancock County closing the parking lots and bays on the beaches and prohibiting marriage licenses for non-Mississippi residents are attached hereto.

ORDERS OF BAY SAINT LOUIS AND WAVELAND AS TO THE BEACHES AND PARKING LOTS:

Both Bay Saint Louis and Waveland entered

orders ratifying the County's closure of the beaches. Bay Saint Louis did not close or limit access to the marina or its parking lot. Like Hancock County, Waveland closed its parking lot by the Garfield Ladner Memorial Pier, except for use of those parking lots by persons using the walking trail adjacent to the beach.

CURFEWS:

Both Bay Saint Louis and Waveland instituted curfews, which will be in place from 11:00 p.m. to 5 a.m. CST each night, subject to the exceptions detailed in the orders of those two cities, which are attached hereto. Diamondhead and the unincorporated portions of Hancock County have not instituted curfews.

ADDITIONAL EMERGENCY ACTIONS BY BAY SAINT LOUIS AND WAVELAND:

In addition to those orders and actions of the Governor, Hancock County, Bay Saint Louis and Waveland detailed above, Bay Saint Louis and Waveland implemented additional orders further to the Coronavirus-19 emergency pandemic.

I. BAY SAINT LOUIS

Effective April 1, 2020 at 11:59 p.m., Bay Saint Louis ordered that:

a. All non-essential businesses whose very nature requires contact of less than six (6) feet, including, but not limited to, personal care and grooming businesses, tattoo parlors, spas, exercise studios, massage parlors, fitness centers and facilities, health clubs, nail salons, barber shops, cross training gyms, beauty parlors and salons, gyms, and other similar businesses located in the City of Bay St. Louis shall close and suspend operations;

b. restaurants, bars and dining establishments may continue to remain closed, except for the provision of take-out, curbside pick-up, delivery or drive through services, and that those establishments may not provide any in-house, on premises or dine-in services;

c. the maximum room occupancy for all transient public lodging establishments within the City of Bay St. Louis, which is understood and defined herein to mean and include hotels, motels, short-term rentals, and similar type businesses and operations that provide temporary lodging by way of temporary rental of rooms, mobile or immobile units, structures, enclosed spaces, or any other lodging areas or improvements shall temporarily not exceed the bed capacity of the room or facility. For example, if a room that is rented has two (2) beds, its maximum room occupancy shall temporarily be limited to two (2) persons – i.e., one (1) person per bed;

d. all businesses are strongly recommended to offer and/or provide customers hand sanitizer or similar type disinfect-

tant for personal, human use, must disinfect and sanitize common areas on a regular basis, and must actively pursue all available precautions to ensure adherence to the most recent regulations or guidelines issued by the CDC, the MDOH, or the President of the United States;

e. all persons within the boundaries of the City of Bay St. Louis should take personal responsibility to prevent the spread of COVID-19 by adhering to the most recent regulations or guidelines issued by the CDC, the MDOH, or the President of the United States, whichever shall be the strictest, regarding the prevention and protection against the spread of this virus; and

f. Individuals experiencing homelessness, who may include individuals in shelters, shall not be subject to this provision but shall be strongly encouraged to adhere to the regulations or guidelines issued by the CDC, the MDOH, or the President of the United States with respect to prevention and protection against the spread of this virus.

2. WAVELAND

Effective April 2, 2020 at 12:00 a.m. and until rescinded, Waveland ordered that:

a. all individuals of Waveland are required to shelter in place;

b. all individuals shall maintain social distancing of at least 6 feet when outside their homes

or residences and shall avoid gatherings of ten persons or more;

c. evictions are suspended;

d. non-essential businesses as defined by Executive Order No. 1463 shall close and cease operations, and including without limitation fitness and exercise gyms, dance studios, clubs, tattoo parlors, spas, salons, barber shops, and other similar personal care and grooming facilities;

e. all places of amusement and recreation, whether indoors or outdoors, including but not limited to amusement parks and rides, museums, playgrounds, children's party and play facilities, parks (not including walking trails), movie theaters, bowling alleys, and social clubs, shall be closed to the public;

f. all public and private social and other non-essential gatherings in groups of more than 10 people in a single space at the same time where individuals are in close proximity (less than 6 ft.) to each other shall be cancelled or rescheduled;

g. individuals may leave their residences only to perform essential activities;

h. individuals engaged in Essential Travel must adhere to the CDC and the Mississippi Department of Health recommendations and guidance to prevent the spread of COVID-19, including social distancing (6 ft. between individu-

als) and aggressive hygiene including frequent handwashing (minimum 20 seconds), and use of hand sanitizer;

i. all restaurants, bars, and dining establishments located in the City of Waveland shall continue to remain closed, with the only exception being that these businesses may provide take-out, curbside pick-up, delivery, or drive-through services, though those businesses shall not provide any in-house, on-premise, or dine-in services or available sitting areas for the public, regardless of whether inside or outside of a structure or building;

j. the maximum room occupancy for all transient public lodging establishments within the City of Waveland, which is understood and defined herein to mean and include hotels, motels, short-term rentals, and similar type businesses and operations that provide temporary lodging by way of temporary

rental of rooms, mobile or immobile units, structures, enclosed spaces, or any other lodging areas or improvements shall temporarily not exceed the bed capacity of the room or facility; and

k. all persons within the boundaries of the City of Waveland should take personal responsibility to prevent the spread of COVID-19 by adhering to the most recent regulations or guidelines issued by the CDC, the MDOH, or the President of the United States, whichever shall be the strictest, regarding the prevention and protection against the spread of this virus.

Except as made more stringent by these Orders, all prior orders of the State, Hancock County, Bay Saint Louis, Diamondhead and Waveland remain in full force and effect.

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Local doctor fears COVID-19 tests yielding ‘false negatives’

BY GEOFF BELCHER
GENERAL MANAGER

A Hancock County physician said this week that while we’re likely nearing the peak of the COVID-19 pandemic, at least in Mississippi, there are other factors at work that are making treatment of and recovery from the disease more difficult.

One of the major issues, according to Dr. Dimitri Yanez, is that “There is a significant number of false negatives” coming back from the coronavirus test results.

There have been many patients who tested negative for COVID-19, he said, but display all the symptoms of the disease, including pneumonia.

“There’s a new generation of tests coming out on April 15,” Yanez said. “They’re blood tests and should be more accurate. We’re holding out hope we get some of those here in Hancock County.”

Yanez — who owns and operates Hancock Women’s Center with Dr. Noel Duplantier — has been testing and treating potential COVID-19 patients for the past month in an ambulatory clinic outside the Women’s Center.

Yanez and the HWC staff have been testing and treating anywhere from 20-35 patients per day for COVID-19 since the pandemic began.

By both testing patients and treating their symptoms, he said, the overall effect will be to help people who test positive for the virus recover more quickly and keep from over-taxing the hospital’s facilities.

The earlier the virus is diagnosed and treated, Yanez said, the more likely it is that the patient will recover quickly. It will also reduce the time the patient is contagious, he said, and help quell the spread of the disease.

In addition to running the ambulatory clinic, Yanez and staff members have been working with local first-responders — those on the front lines who will be dealing with emergency COVID-19 cases — to both get them tested to make sure they aren’t likely to spread the virus; and to get them preventative doses of medication to help them from getting it themselves.

That’s where another problem lies, Yanez said. Since the pandemic began, he has been prescribing hydroxychloroquine and “Z-packs,” a combination of azithromycin and other medications, to treat people suffering from COVID-19.

There have been some cases resistant to the treatment, he said, but “most have responded quite well.”

He has also prescribed smaller doses for first-responders and clinic staff as a preventative mea-

sure.

Unfortunately, he said, hydroxychloroquine, which is sold under the brand name Plaquenil, has become scarce since the pandemic began. In part, the scarcity is part of a political controversy — President Donald Trump has been touting its benefits in treating COVID-19, but many health professionals have warned it has not been fully vetted for that use. It has been used for years to treat and prevent malaria, Lupus and other maladies, but COVID-19 is still too new for any clinical trials to have been conducted with any sort of medication.

In response, the country of India — where Plaquenil is manufactured — briefly stopped selling it to the U.S. As of Tuesday, that embargo has reportedly ceased and sales should resume.

However, Yanez said, the Mississippi Board of Pharmacy has issued guidelines to pharmacists that warn “there are no FDA-approved or clinically proven therapies for treatment of COVID-19,” according to the board’s website. “At present, the FDA has not approved use of chloroquine and hydroxychloroquine for COVID-19 prophylaxis. If used, hydroxychloroquine and chloroquine

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County reopens McLeod Park Boat Launch

BY CASSANDRA FAVRE
STAFF WRITER

The Hancock County Board of Supervisors on Monday reopened the McLeod Park boat launch to recreational fisherman.

Since the county closed the Jourdan River Shores boat launch, Supervisor Bo Ladner said, he has received several calls from fishermen.

Board members agreed that they do not have a problem providing a boat launch, but were concerned about social distancing guidelines, as set forth by the Centers for Disease Control and the Mississippi State Department of Health.

The board agreed to reopen the McLeod Park

Boat Launch to recreational fishermen this Wednesday.

According to a release from the Mississippi Department of Marine Resources, “recreational boating and fishing do meet the definitions” of Gov. Tate Reeves Executive Order No. 1466. The Shelter-In-Place order is in effect until Monday, April 20 at 8 a.m.

According to the MDMR release, “commercial fishing is defined as an essential business and may continue to operate. However, every effort should be made to comply with the CDC and MSDH guidance of maintaining six feet of distancing and no gatherings of 10 or more people.”

The McLeod Park

Boat Launch will reopen on Wednesday, April 8 and will be open from 6 a.m. to 5 p.m., Board president Scotty Adam said. There is no entrance fee at this time, he added.

However, the board asks that fishermen follow the guidelines on social distancing.

County employees will be periodically monitoring the situation and if the people do not follow guidelines, the board will close the boat launch, Adam said.

The board also extended the closures of public community centers, sports complex, county-owned fields and parks, public bathrooms, piers, arena, and other open areas until at least May 4.

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We are all responsible

During this pandemic — well not only during this time — I see a lot of people bashing the media.

I certainly agree that there are some news outlets that know when to cash in and sensationalize or over-exaggerate a story.

Those are the outlets I have and will continue to avoid. It's really not that hard to scroll on past a headline that is obviously distorted.

My philosophy has always been to just write what happened. I have no skin in the game. My job is to pass along the information so that the readers can make their own informed decisions.

Some readers have commented on our coverage of the COVID-19 pandemic and described it as “negative.”

For the past three weeks, the front page of the Echo has depicted smiling senior citizens getting to hear an outdoor concert after being quarantined for weeks; our community mourning one of our own lost as a result of this virus; school workers ensuring students are fed while school is out; and teachers who care enough about their students to drive by in a parade style to show their students that they care.

To me, these stories show signs of a caring community making the best of a difficult situation. Maybe our views on what constitutes a “negative” are different.

Also, inside the paper is our coverage of local meetings, which we attend to relay to the readers how the officials are handling this pandemic and what measures are being put in place to stop this spread.

Right now, this pandemic is our reality. It's the world's reality. There's no hype here, just a relay of information as it is received.

Every day, the Mississippi State Department of Health releases the number of new cases and deaths. As of the writing this column, MSDH has still not released the number of those who have recovered. If they had, it would be out there for you to read about.

Most of the time I don't listen to the “armchair editors,” and will get over their commentary in about an hour or two. They are, after all, entitled to their own opinions.

But I also see these same armchair editors sharing random pictures of “facts” without any type of source or information to back it up. There are fake posts that go viral and cause even more panic, not shared by the media, but by people who are not. They would be one



Staff Column
By Cassandra Favre

Wicker Recognizes Heroic Work of Mississippians

Mississippi Residents Step Up to Help Each Other in Time of Need

In the midst of an unprecedented global health and economic crisis brought on by the coronavirus pandemic, Mississippians from all walks of life have stepped up to meet the needs of our neighbors and communities. Each act, large and small, reminds us that we are all in this together.

I join all Mississippians in extending my heartfelt gratitude to the heroic first responders, health-care, and law enforcement professionals who have been on the front lines of this epidemic. Without their sacrifice, more people would be suffering.

We also owe a debt of gratitude to the grocery and retail workers who keep our store shelves stocked, the agricultural producers who provide a stable supply of



From the Senate
By Sen. Roger Wicker

food, and the truck drivers who transport vital goods where they are needed most.

BUSINESSES PIVOT TO FIGHT CORONAVIRUS

I have been pleased to see so many Mississippi businesses stepping up and serving our communities in new and creative ways.

For example, C Spire has partnered with the

University of Mississippi Medical Center to provide free telehealth visits for Mississippians who have coronavirus symptoms. This service allows patients to consult with health-care providers online without leaving home.

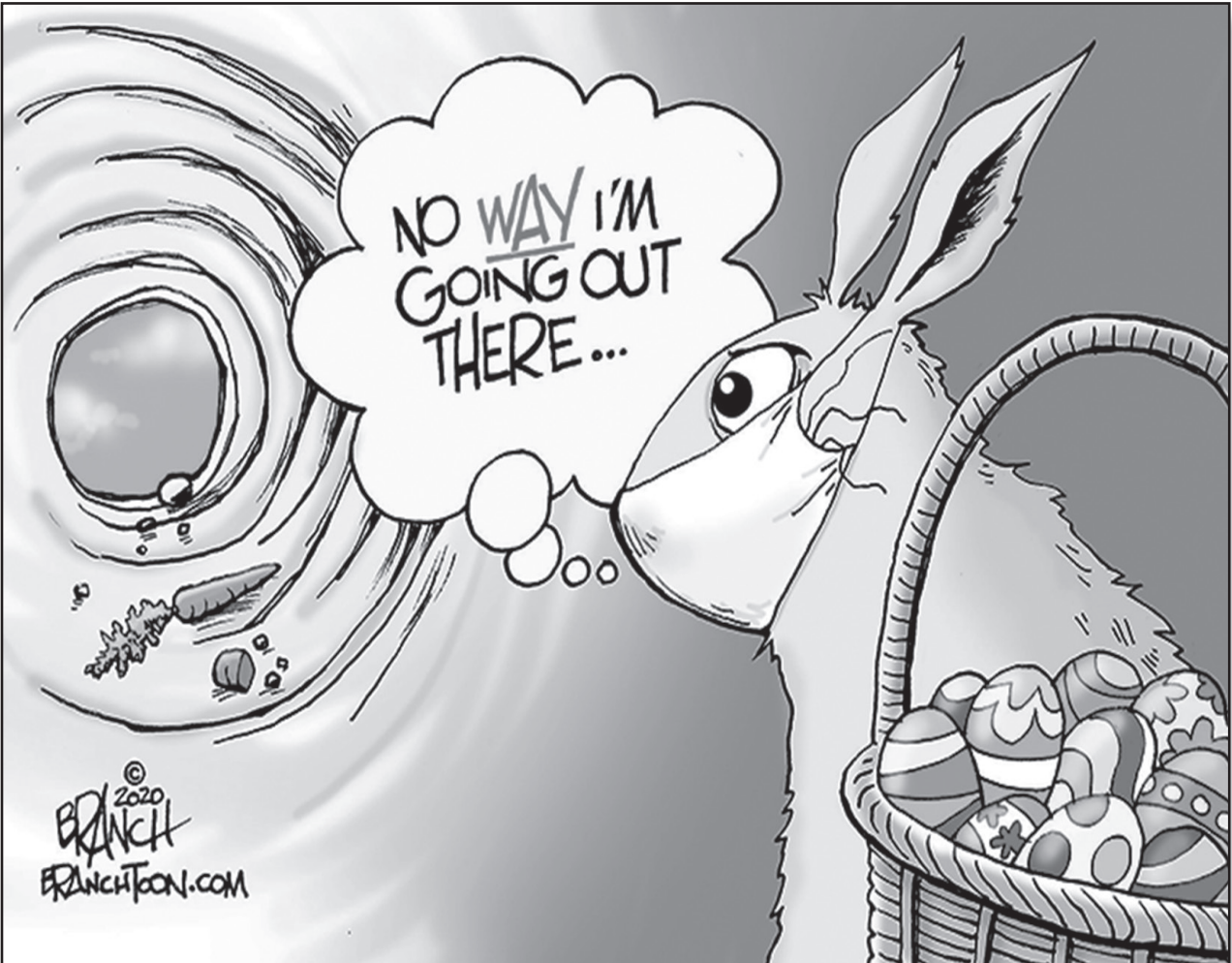
With restaurants and cafes closing their dining rooms, many are now offering contact-free delivery and pick-up options to customers. And while schools remain shut down, some restaurants are stepping forward to ensure no child goes hungry. Establishments like Vowell's Marketplace and The Village Kitchen 219 in Jackson are offering hundreds of students free meals for the duration of the crisis, even as many public schools continue providing meals to students

who are learning from home.

Extra Table, a food charity in Hattiesburg, is distributing excess inventory from restaurants and casinos to food banks across Mississippi. Extra Table's business partners are matching up to \$20,000 in donations as part of their #NowMoreThanEver campaign to feed needy residents during this pandemic.

Local news organizations are also pitching in, offering free access to their coverage of the coronavirus outbreak. Papers like the Clarion-Ledger, the Hattiesburg American, the Sun Herald, and the Northeast Mississippi Daily Journal have waived their online subscription

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Mississippi Not New to Diseases

As the world responds to the coronavirus pandemic, many have taken to comparing this current crisis to some in the past. Mississippi is not new to a crisis like this. Our state experienced a horrific epidemic of yellow fever in the late 1870s.

Yellow fever is an acute arbovirus, transmitted by infected female Aedes aegypti mosquitoes, that caused its victim to suffer a sudden spike in fever, bloodshot eyes, jaundice, and chills among other issues. And, much like we have seen with COVID-19, mild infections often went undiagnosed.

In 1878, yellow fever began to make its way along the Mississippi River. The boat John Porter left New Orleans and headed upstream. By the time it arrived in Vicksburg, the ship was a virtual ghost ship, with most of the crew already dead. Local citizens buried the crew, leaving everyone vulnerable. By



Conservation
Corner

By James L. Cummins

August, half of Vicksburg had fled the area, and of those remaining, 1,500 perished.

Within days, the fever made its way to the Delta. Greenville suffered horribly with over 300 deaths, including the town's mayor, councilmen, and the majority of the town's doctors and attorneys. Grenada was also hit hard. At the beginning of the outbreak, Grenada had 2,500 citizens. By the end of the epidemic, Grenada suffered the deaths of 350 of its citizens as they

refused to enact a quarantine.

Remarkably, some Mississippi towns survived mostly unharmed. Jackson successfully maintained their quarantine and reported only 80 deaths while Natchez, one of the largest towns in the state, survived the entire duration of the epidemic without a single yellow fever death.

During those late summer months of 1878, Mississippians experienced the worst epidemic of yellow fever, with 16,461 cases and 4,118 deaths. Quarantines halted all commerce, forcing residents to seek donations from across the country in order to survive. In 1879, in response to the preceding year's epidemic, Congress created the National Board of Health. Ship Island, a Mississippi barrier island, was presented as a quarantine station for the Gulf of Mexico between New Orleans and Pensacola, Florida.

Thankfully, a safe and

effective vaccine now exists to prevent yellow fever.

When Mississippian William Faulkner accepted the Nobel Prize, he said “Man will not merely endure: He will prevail. He is immortal, not because he among creatures has an inexhaustible voice, but because he has a soul, a spirit capable of compassion, sacrifice, and endurance.” While COVID-19 poses a great threat, I think Mr. Faulkner would be proud of our state's spirit, cooperation, and help for others. With the knowledge we are gaining each day, we will weather another storm and be the stronger for it.

James L. Cummins is executive director of Wildlife Mississippi, a non-profit, conservation organization founded to conserve, restore, and enhance fish, wildlife, and plant resources throughout Mississippi. Their website is www.wildlifemiss.org.

Arrest Record

The following is a list of arrests logged at the Hancock County Justice Facility from the past week. Appearance on the jail log is not indicative of guilt, merely a record that an arrest has been made.

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Tahaira A. Cuevas, 37, contempt failure to appear
Alison A. Schlomer, 35, felony possession of controlled substance

Mark D. Hoda, 57, attempted murder, possession of weapon by felon
William L. Cassell, 36, disorderly conduct x 2, disturbing the peace, resisting/obstructing arrest
Louis B. Ladner, 41, back for court/court order, hold for other agency
Terence D. Walton, 28, hold for other agency
Michael T. Thorn, 34, simple domestic violence simple assault, petit larceny

Jason M. Sims, 43, contempt of court violation of protective order or court approved consent agreement
Kayla L. Eskew, 31, DUI first offense, resisting/obstructing arrest, disorderly conduct, parking, alcohol open container
Troy H. Mendoza, Jr., 27, receiving stolen property, hold MDOC
Darrick L. Sones, 38, DUI other substance
Jesse A. Acker, 38, probation violation, sim-

ple domestic violence simple assault, contempt of court violation of protective order or court approved consent agreement, obstructing emergency vehicle
Dylan J. Hoda, 19, back for court/court order
Clifton D. Wilkerson, 41, felony possession of controlled substance
William W. Duvall, 48, drunkenness/profanity in public place, disturbing the peace
Trellis A. Taylor, 37,

drunkenness/profanity in public place x 2
Wendy R. Smith, 40, simple domestic violence simple assault, contempt failure to appear x 2
Russell A. Hill, Jr., 33, no drivers license, no insurance, reckless driving x 2, DUI other substance
Christopher J. Chandler, 32, simple domestic violence simple assault
Orlando J. Bradley, 24, disorderly conduct, resisting/obstructing arrest, public property de-

stroy, deface cemetery/school/church/property valued under \$300
Rebecca M. Crowe, 35, credit card fraudulent use with Internet to obtain money, contempt of court failure to appear
Destiny P. Reynolds, 20, DUI other substance, disorderly conduct, possession of marijuana (1-30 grams), no tag
Cody R. Page, 29, burglary

Bay Council approves “Safer-At-Home” enforcement

BY CASSANDRA FAVRE
STAFF WRITER

The Bay St. Louis City Council on Thursday met to ratify and confirm Mayor Mike Favre’s “Safer-At-Home” executive order, which was established in an effort to further combat the spread of COVID-19.

The order established a temporary mandatory curfew, effective April 1. The proclamation orders that all non-essential businesses suspend operations and that all restaurants and bars shall continue to remain closed, with the exception of providing take-out, curbside, delivery, or drive-thru services.

Gov. Tate Reeves on Wednesday issued Executive Order No. 1466, which orders a “Shelter-In-Place” effective Friday, April 3 at 5 p.m. until April 20 at 8 a.m.

Bay St. Louis’ mandatory curfew is from 11 p.m. to 5 a.m., which went into effect on April 1.

Councilman Jeffrey Reed said that the citizens would still be able to move about between 5

a.m. and 11 p.m.

City attorney Heather Smith said, “yes,” but they have to follow the governor’s “Shelter-In-Place,” order which allows for residents to move about for essential purposes.

An outline of essential businesses and essential operations is outlined in Executive Order No. 1463. A copy of that order can be viewed on the Sea Coast Echo’s website.

Councilman Gary Knoblock said that he thinks it’s “a very vague term.”

“I’ve been reading some of these essential businesses and I think we need to be careful that with such an order like this, people are allowed to go,” he said. “There’s not any specific businesses listed in this and it’s vague at best. If we’re going to establish a curfew, then I think the police have to exercise extreme control that if it’s clearly seeing somebody is going to work or something, then they need to be allowed to be on their way. I look at this as that we’re trying to control groups of peo-

ple having parties. I just want to make sure we’re not infringing on people’s civil rights here.”

Favre said that the police department requested the curfew.

“They fully understand everything,” Favre said. “They’re not going to be there harassing and this and that.”

A list of exceptions to the curfew is listed on the mayoral proclamation, which can be viewed on the Sea Coast Echo’s website.

Smith said that “by state law, you can only set the curfew for five days.”

“So every five days, you will have to redo your curfew pursuant to Mississippi law,” she said.

The next matter the council discussed was an ordinance pertaining to violations of orders of curfews, other orders, and prohibited activities during a proclaimed civil emergency.

Miss. Code 45-17-3 states that a “municipality may provide by ordinance that any person violating the provisions of orders issued by the chief administrative of-

teries on Netflix, YouTube videos, and other television shows that provide a much-needed distraction and mental health break.

I hope you all have found ways to cope during this “Safer-At-Home” time.

Mississippi’s Department of Mental Health also has a hotline, 1-877-210-8513, for information about services or support.

It’s also not a bad idea to call or FaceTime friends during this time as a means of keeping in touch with the ones we love.

I visited with my parents the other day while sitting on their front porch, talking on the phone, and looking at them through the window. It’s good to see them while also taking the necessary precautions to keep them healthy.

I hope that we are all able to get back to some type of normalcy soon.

Stay safe and healthy.

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of the first to scream “fake news” and “you’re just creating panic” if a reporter did that.

There is a lot of blaming going around, yet no one seems to want to take responsibility for their own actions and the misinformation they choose to share on a global social media platform. We should all be held accountable for the information we share, not just the media.

I’m definitely not perfect. I’m just trying to do my job to the best of my ability. I make mistakes just like everyone else.

I’ve also heard, “we hear about this 24/7.” I don’t have control over what people watch on television or read.

There are so many other options available if one needs a break from the COVID-19 coverage.

I have enjoyed watching documen-

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fees to give Mississippians access to accurate, up-to-date information.

Because supplies of hand sanitizer are running low, distillers and brewers across our state are retooling their production lines to make alcohol-based hand and surface sanitizers. Kudos to Rich Grain Distilling, Lazy Magnolia Brewery, and Criddenden Distillery, along with Cathead Distillery, which is providing free hand sanitiz-

er refills.

Several Mississippi companies are now producing medical supplies. Blue Delta Jeans Company in Tupelo recently shifted its sewing operations to create medical facemasks and gowns, with the goal of creating 10,000 masks each day. With vehicle production on hold, Nissan’s Canton plant is manufacturing face shields and headbands for medical workers. And Toyota workers in Blue Springs are sewing masks for local hospitals.

High school students in Gulfport are also helping to supply medi-

cal needs. Gulfport High School’s award-winning engineering and robotics program is producing masks for Gulfport Memorial Hospital using their 3D printing technology.

Keep It Up, Mississippi

These are just a few of the many examples of sacrifice and service we have witnessed over the past few weeks. Seeing these and other Mississippians take care of their neighbors should be a source of pride for us all. Let us all keep up the good work, and do our part to help stop the spread of this virus.

ficer pursuant to this authorization during a proclaimed civil emergency be guilty of a misdemeanor and be punished by a fine not exceeding \$300 or six months imprisonment, or both such fine and imprisonment.”

However, Smith said that the city has to have an ordinance in place.

“For some reason, the city of Bay St. Louis has never adopted it,” Smith said. “So all this does is put in your ordinance

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An Easter Story

By WALLACE DABBS
“And He bearing His cross went forth into a place called the place of a skull...where they crucified Him, and two together with Him, on either side, and Jesus in the midst.” John cpt. 19, vrs. 17 and 18, KJV.

The old man rose slowly from his bed. He had hardly slept. He had known that tomorrow would eventually come, but he had prayed to the Most High that it never would. It was the day his one and only son would die.

The story was as old as love itself. His son had found his beloved in the arms of another man. Rage had blinded him as he killed them both. He had appealed to Pilate, but to no avail. It was to be death by crucifixion.

His heart was heavy as he dressed himself. It seemed as yesterday when his son was born. His wife had died giving birth. Through the years he had tried to raise his son as best he could, but being very poor it had been hard.

The old man removed the few coins from a hiding place in the one room shack they had called home. It was all the money he had. Maybe it would be enough to buy the cross which would be used for the crucifixion. Under Roman law, it was the responsibility of the family to furnish the cross.

He knew of a carpenter who lived on the outskirts of town who made crosses. It was a long walk to the carpenter’s shop but he had no other means of travel. It would take him all day to walk there and back.

The carpenter was busy with another customer when he arrived. Finally, he turned to the old man. “Can I help you?” he asked. The old man explained the reason for his visit. “How much money do you have to spend?” the carpenter asked. “Only six darcus,” the old man replied. “I can’t supply you with a new cross for that amount of money,” the carpenter replied.

“Do you have any used crosses?” the old man asked. “Let me think,” the carpenter replied. “All of the used crosses I have are in good condition and I can’t sell you one for the money you have.”

The old man dropped his head. His heart was heavy. “What was he to do?” he pondered. Slowly he began walking towards the door. “Wait a minute,” the carpenter said. “I have a used cross which I have been unable to sell because I could not remove the blood stains from the wood. Normally, I can use olive oil and water to remove the blood stains, but I could not from this one. Maybe it is the wood. Other than that, the cross is in good shape. I can let you have it for the amount of money you have.”

“Let me look at it,” the old man said.

A few minutes later the carpenter returned with the cross. There was indeed blood stains where the hands and feet had been nailed to the cross. “Where did you get this cross?” the old man asked.

“From a couple of scavengers who told me that they had taken down three crosses from the hill of the skull,” the carpenter replied. “Roman soldiers had given them away after the crucifixion. There had been three crucified at the

same time, but nobody returned to claim the crosses so the soldiers gave them away.”

“Here is your money,” the old man said handing the carpenter the coins. “I don’t know if I can carry this by myself. I live a long way,” the carpenter felt pity for the old man. “Tell me where you live and I will bring it to your house later today in my cart,” the carpenter said.

The old man had gone to visit his son in prison the day before. But instead of finding a depressed young man, he found him very serene and calm.

They had hugged each other as the guard closed the cell door. The authorities had told him he could visit and stay for an hour.

His son sat on the edge of a cot while the old man sat down on a bare stool made of wood. He did not know what to say. What dose one say to a child knowing that the next day he would be dead.

Calmly his son began to speak. “Do not fear, father, for I go to a better place than this. Death is nothing to fear. It comes to all. It is not a question of if, but when. I am just leaving earlier than most people.”

“How can you be so calm knowing you are going to die tomorrow?” the old man questioned.

“I have met the Teacher and he has assured me that after the morrow, I will be with him in paradise,” his son replied.

“What are you talking about?” the old man asked.

“I have heard him speak by the sea of Galilee. It was as if the wind had turned to honey and the air smelled as sweet as a baby’s breath,” his son replied. “He talked of salvation and eternal life. The things he said were not about this world but you knew he spoke the truth. You just knew it. He gave one hope and spoke of loving one another, even our enemies.”

“Who is this so-called teacher?” the old man asked. “I believe he was the son of God,” his son replied.

“The son of God!” the old man almost shouted.

“Surely if you know this man and he is the son of God, he can come and deliver you from your fate,” the old man said.

“He is not here anymore,” the young man replied. “They crucified him just as they are going to crucify me tomorrow, but he arose from the dead and he lives.”

“Why do you believe these things?” the old man asked.

“Because he visited with me right here last night,” the boy replied.

“He visited you right here last night?” the old man asked. “Did he just walk in? Did the guards let him in?”

“He was here just as you are right now,” the boy replied. “He was in spirit just as I will be after my death and I will go and be with him in paradise because I asked for and he forgave me of my sins.”

The old man looked deep into his son’s eyes. He had heard of the authorities supplying those who were about to die with strong drink to numb their minds and bodies. Perhaps that is what they had done to him, but his son’s eyes were clear.

The old man had stayed as long as he could. Lovingly, he held his son in his arms and

kissed his brow as he prepared to depart. He reminded him so much of his mother.

Tears began to flow from the old man’s eyes. “Do not weep for me,” his son said. “It is I who weep for you.”

Calling for the guard, the old man walked out of the cell. He could not bear to look back. He wanted his last remembrance to be one of the loving look his son had given him when he had held him in his arms for the last time.

The walk home had seemed almost like a dream. He kept repeating to himself what his son had told him about the Teacher.

After arriving home, the old man prayed. “If what my son says is true, I pray for a sign. Anything to let me know the truth.”

Watching his son die on a cross was out of the question. It would be too much for him. He had arranged for his friend Amos to take down the body after his son was dead and place it in a cave. He would visit the cave later.

The old man awoke the next morning from his troubling sleep from sounds made from a voice. It seemed the voice had been repeating over and over “And there will be a sign given unto you. There will be two. There will be two.”

The old man had sat up in bed rubbing his eyes when suddenly his friend Amos burst through the door and shouted, “Get up! Get up! There is something you must come and see! Come on! Come on!”

Hurriedly, the old man dressed and ran out the door, following the now running Amos. “What is it?” the old man shouted at Amos. Amos stopped and let his friend catch up.

“There is something growing where nothing should be growing,” Amos shouted.

“What about my son? Have you taken care of the body?” the old man asked.

“Yes! Yes!” Amos replied. “My cousin and I removed the body and placed it in a cave just as you directed. Then we went back to take down the cross and that is when we saw it.”

“Saw what?” the old man asked.

“Come! Come and see!” Amos replied as he began running again.

The old man ran as fast as he could to keep up. “We seem to be headed to the hill where my son died,” the old man thought as he gasped for breath and continued running.

Soon they were indeed scrambling up the hill where his son had died. He could see the outline of the cross against the pale morning sky.

Amos had stopped and was looking down at the foot of the cross when the old man finally caught up with him.

“What is it, Amos?” the old man shouted.

“Look! Look!” Amos said pointing at a large stone which had been placed at the foot of the cross to brace it. “There was nothing there when we came to remove the body, but when we came back to get the cross, it was here.”

The old man looked down at the stone. There, growing in a crack in the stone, was a flower...a lily, a snow white lily...with two brilliant buds.

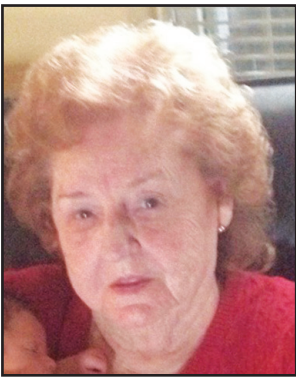
Mr. Dabbs is a retired reporter and editor living in Hancock County.

Obituaries

BARBARA DAMIENS BOURGEOIS
GLORIA MITCHELL DEAN
JAMES GRANT GOODING
VALENA C. JONES
JEANNE KATHERINE MCCOLLISTER
SANDRA ELIZABETH BERMOND ROOD

BARBARA DAMIENS BOURGEOIS

Barbara Damiens Bourgeois, 87, of Waveland, MS passed away on Saturday, April 4, 2020, in Gulfport, MS. She was born in New Orleans, LA and was a life long resident of Waveland, MS. She was a loyal Christian lady who loved going to church and serving her Lord and Savior. Ms. Barbara was a loving and giving mother, grandmother and great-grandmother and a friend to many. She also had a wonderful personality with a beautiful smile. She was the life of the party and loved to make everyone laugh. She was like the mother of her little “Nuddy Buddy Group” where she became a great friend to us all. She is preceded in death by her husband, Richard H. Bourgeois, Sr., parents Miriam &



Walter Damiens, Sr., and two great-grandchildren, Issabela Kong and Isla Breland. She is survived by two daughters and their husbands, Linda B. Breland & Monnie of Diamondhead, MS, Loretta B. Thomas & Mark of Waveland, MS, son and his wife, Ricky Bourgeois & Connie of Bay St. Louis, MS; brother, Walter Damiens, Jr. & wife, Bobbie of Diamondhead, MS, sister, Carolyn Damiens, and friend, Betty Bryant of Diamondhead, MS. She is also survived by seven grandchildren, Beth Breland, Sky Kong & Ray,

Michael Bourgeois & Chancie, David Breland & Kacey, Whitney Wise & Daniel, Taylor Bourgeois and Hilary Thomas; and eight great-grandchildren, Lilyan, Gracee Kong, Jace, Cameron Bourgeois, Beau Breland, Owen, Kolton and Landon Wise. Her graveside Service was private due to the COVID-19 pandemic and was held Tuesday, April 7, 2020 in Waveland Cemetery in Waveland, MS. The family would like to thank Dr. Irene Koskan, Dunbar Village and their employees for the wonderful care they showed our mother during this difficult time. In lieu of flowers the family request donations be made to Dunbar Village, 725 Dunbar Ave., Bay St. Louis, MS 39520. Edmond Fahey Funeral Home in Bay St. Louis, MS was in charge of the arrangements.

GLORIA MITCHELL DEAN

Gloria Mitchell Dean, 71, passed away Sunday, March 29, 2020 in Diamondhead, Mississippi. Gloria was born on April 22, 1948 in Macon, Mississippi. At an early age, Gloria was taken to live with her grandparents in Cuba while her parents attended medical school. Spanish was her first language. Gloria stated that living in Cuba as a child was like paradise. Gloria grew up in Ellisville, Mississippi where she graduated from South Jones High School. She received her Bachelor’s degree from the University of Southern Mississippi, then a Master’s degree in Guidance & Counseling also from USM. It was there she met the love of her life “Boogie.”

After marrying, she and Boogie had two children and moved to Bay St. Louis. She taught at Bay High School for 32 years and more than anything enjoyed finding scholarships for her students. After retiring in 2003, she and Boogie enjoyed traveling.

She was a member of Main Street United Methodist Church where she enjoyed weekly Bible studies.

Gloria was preceded in death by

her parents, Dr. Shelby W. Mitchell, Sr. and Dr. Maura J. Mitchell, and her sister Dr. Anna C. Covington.

She is survived by her husband, H.G. “Boogie,” Dean, Jr.; son, Harlan “Bert” Dean III (Margie); daughter, Anna Dean Kamins (Michael); brother, Shelby W. Mitchell, Jr. (Jo Ellen); sister, Janet Mitchell Colson; five grandchildren, Savannah, Shelby, Grant, Patrick and Andrew and her many Cuban relatives. In lieu of flowers, memorials may be sent to Main Street United Methodist Church Youth Group: 162 Main Street, Bay St. Louis, MS 39520. In light of the current health situation, a Memorial Service will be announced at a later date.

Edmond Fahey Funeral Home in Bay St. Louis, MS is in charge of the arrangements.



JAMES GRANT GOODING

James Grant Gooding, 78, of Diamondhead, MS, passed away on March 22, 2020 surrounded by his wife, daughters and dog after a valiant battle with cancer. Grant was born in Henderson, NC to William Bartling Gooding and Pearl Elizabeth Grant Gooding.

He graduated from the University of South Carolina and went on to serve in the United States Coast Guard from 1967 to 1970. He worked as a marine surveyor for the American Bureau of Shipping from 1970 until his retirement in 2006. He was married to Martha Helen Nash for 55 years and they have two children, Helen and Caroline. His chil-



dren remember him as a loving father who encouraged them to pursue their goals. His grandchildren were captivated by his wide knowledge of all things. There was simply nothing Granddaddy could not do. His other love were his dogs, Maisie and George.

Grant is preceded in death by his parents and his brother, William Bartling Gooding, Jr.

He is survived by his wife, Martha Nash

Gooding: his two children, Helen (Gooding) Leupold and Caroline (Gooding) Pendergast; his son-in-law Chris Leupold, and his six grandchildren, Brooke Pendergast, Madeline Leupold, Claire Pendergast, Mary Leupold, Katie Pendergast and Joseph Leupold.

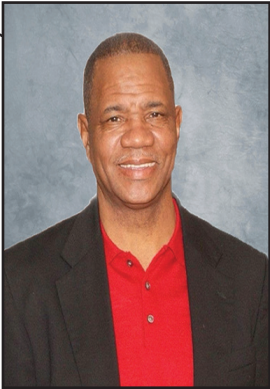
The immediate family will lay him to rest March 28, 2020. In lieu of flowers, please send donations to the Diamondhead branch of the Hancock County Public Library System or Friends of the Animal Shelter in Hancock County. The family would like to thank all friends, family and neighbors for all the love and support. Edmond Fahey Funeral Home is in charge of the arrangements.

MANNING JONES JR.

Manning Jones Jr. was born October 3, 1956 in Picayune, Mississippi to Manning Jones Sr. and Valena C. Jones. He was one of ten children. He was married to Mrs. Judith K. Jones for 37 years and in that time they had three children.

Mr. Jones was a faithful member of Greater North Shore Full Gospel Baptist Church where he served as a devoted Deacon. Mr. Jones was employed at Stennis Space Center and retired after 40 years of service in October 2018. He was loved by so many in his community.

Mr. Jones was preceded in his death by his parents Manning Jones Sr. and Valena C. Jones. Manning Jones Jr. leaves to cherish his memories three children: Yolanda Clayborne of Picayune, MS; Nicholas Wash (Rebecca) of Picayune, MS; Erica Jones of Gulfport, MS. One



brother Ricky Jones (Lisa) of Gulfport, MS; six sisters: Minnie P. Staten, Ethel Mae Bell, Patricia A. Johnson (Lyndon), and Clara F. Jones, all of Picayune, MS; Carolyn Davis (Colon) of Portsmouth, VA; and Bobbie H. Tate (Terry) of Bay St. Louis, MS; seven grandchildren and numerous nieces, nephews, relatives and friends.

A walk-through visitation will be held on Friday, April 10, 2020 from 3:30pm-6:00pm at Baylous Funeral Home. A private, invitation only service will be held on Saturday, April 11, 2020 at Baylous Funeral Home.

VALENA C. JONES

Valena C. Jones was born June 13, 1927 in Wesson, Mississippi to Luther T. Jones Sr. and Estella Gilmer Jones. She was the eldest of six children. After moving to Picayune, Valena married the late Manning Jones Sr. and together they raised 10 children.

Sis. Jones was a devoted and faithful member of Weems Chapel United Methodist Church. She was a Sunday school teacher, a Communion Stewart, and a member of the United Methodist Women. Sis. Jones was employed at Crosby Memorial Hospital, General Box, and West Side Elementary. She was loved by many in her community.

Sis. Jones was preceded in death by her parents, Luther T. and Estella Gilmer Jones; her husband, Manning Jones Sr.; two daugh-



ters: Pinkie Lee Jones and Beatrice Ilene Burton; two grandchildren: Anna B. Loggins and James Edward Staten; two great-grandchildren: Amarie D’amour Davis and A’mari-Elle Lacole Bunn; one brother, Luther T. Jones Sr.; three sisters: Kathryn Haynes, Bessie Mae Gilliam and Nancy Mill-sap; and three brothers-in-law: Charlie Jones Jr., Brice Haynes Sr., and Willie Gilliam.

Her son, Manning Jones, Jr., joined his mother in heaven on April 5, 2020.

Sis. Jones leaves to cherish her memory one son: Ricky Jones

(Lisa) of Gulfport, MS; six daughters: Minnie P. Staten, Ethel Mae Bell, Patricia A. Johnson (Lyndon), and Clara F. Jones, all of Picayune, MS; Carolyn Davis (Colon) of Portsmouth, VA; and Bobbie H. Tate (Terry) of Bay St. Louis, MS; one daughter-in-law, Judith Jones of Picayune, MS; one sister, Ella P. Jones of Picayune, MS; one sister in law, Mary Jones of Picayune, MS; 23 grandchildren; 35 great-grandchildren; 17 great-great-grandchildren; numerous nieces, nephews, relatives and friends.

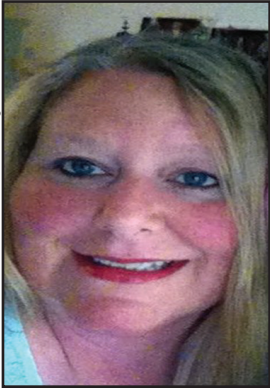
A walk through visitation will held on Tuesday, April 7, 2020 from 3:30 pm – 6:00pm at Baylous Funeral Home. A private, invitation only service will be held on Wednesday, April 8, 2020 at Baylous Funeral Home. Services will be streamed live at 12:00pm utilizing the zoom app. A celebration of life ceremony will be held at a later date.

JEANNE KATHERINE MCCOLLISTER

Jeanne passed away on Tuesday, March 31, 2020. She was born on November 6, 1969 in New Orleans, LA to Benny and Jeanne McCollister. Jeanne is survived by her son, Taylor Alexander McCollister and his wife Holly Dunlap-McCollister. Jeanne is also survived by her siblings Michael McCollister (Kay), Elise Haas (Andrew), Wendom Johnston and Benjamin McCollister; nephews, Ethan Haas (Mary), Brian Johnston and niece, Madeleine Haas; as well as Aunts, Uncles and cousins. Jeanne is preceded in death by her parents, Benny and Jeanne McCollister.

Jeanne graduated from Bay Senior High school and earned her Bachelor’s degree with Honors in Psychology from the University of Southern Mississippi. She was working as a Case Manager for the State of Mississippi. Jeanne is a Warrior for Jesus now in heaven as she was while on this earth. She loved her family and friends so deeply and was so passionate about whatever she dared to give herself to. No matter how much time and energy it took she never waived until “it was done.” Jeanne constantly and consistently wanted to be better and do her best. She loved history and made many trips

to the library checking out various documentaries and “how to” books. She loved playing board games and cards, crabbing, crocheting, singing and road trips. Even more important than these hobbies and her many endeavors there wasn’t a day that went by when she didn’t seek God’s face...to praise Him, ask for forgiveness, wisdom and strength to make it through each day and to thank him for the wonderful gift of her son, Taylor. Her “Bug.” While Jeanne will not be here on this earth to meet her future grandchild or grandchildren should her Taylor and Holly be blessed enough to have a family of their own she has left them as well as her nephews and niece crocheted blankets and many other priceless keepsakes she took the time to pass on to each of them. Jeanne is a Promise with a capital “P!” She is a mother, daughter, sister, aunt, niece, cousin and friend! Our irreplaceable “June Bug!”



SANDRA ELIZABETH BERMOND ROOD

Sandra Elizabeth Bermond Rood, age 67 of Waveland, MS passed away Friday, March 20, 2020 in Slidell, LA. Sandra was a wonderful and loving mother, grandmother, sister and aunt who will be missed by her family and friends. Sandra was preceded in death by her husband, Danny Rood and her parents, Shelton and Lilly Bermond. She is survived by two sons, Randall Knight and Shannon Bermond; three brothers, Joe Bermond, Wayne Bermond and Michael Bermond (Patty); two sisters, Peggy Jacobson (John) and Brenda Ladner;

one grandson, Peyton Knight and numerous nieces and nephews. A Memorial Graveside Service was held at St. Mary’s Cemetery in Bay St. Louis on Friday, March 27, 2020 at 10:00 a.m. Edmond Fahey Funeral Home was in charge of the arrangements.



Pearlington Easter Parade cancelled

SEA COAST ECHO

The Pearlinton Easter Parade, originally scheduled for this

Saturday, April 11, has been postponed until 2 p.m. on Saturday, May 23, and will be a memorial to those who died from the Coronavirus.

Devotional Page

WHO HAS HAD INFLUENCE ON YOUR LIFE?

BY GARY ANDREWS

As we grow older we should be able to look at our life on earth and establish who has been a tremendous influence on us. Many times when we are asked this question many of us will spout off really quick a pastor or Sunday School teacher that had a large impact on us when we were younger. While most of this is true I firmly believe that we can look into our formative years and find someone close to us that really was impressionable and guided us without us really knowing how much we cared for this individual or not.

All of us can tell stories of how someone touched our lives and left us with an everlasting outlook or opinion on this person or on life itself. When my wife and I first married we were fortunate enough to live next door to her parents for several years. My wife was the youngest of three children and her parents were really good influences on each of their marriages. I realize now, even though I have known this for years, just how much her parents meant to me. Her mom especially was a great inspiration to each of us spiritually and emotionally.

Her favorite verse in the Bible was John 15:5, "I am the vine, you are the branches. He who abides in Me, and I in him, bears much fruit; for without Me you can do nothing." I

heard my mother-in-law repeat this verse over and over again and if anyone asked her what her favorite verse in the Bible was, she would say the verse then tell them the scripture reference.

Jesus speaks to us through this verse in a way no other can. He stressed our need to give our lives to Him and make Him our permanent dwelling place. The one thing that stands out in looking at a vine and its branches is their oneness. They each have committed themselves to the other. The word "abide" means to continue in, to dwell, to remain, or to stand. Jesus told this parable to His disciples so they would fully understand, and we would understand, that He wants us to be solidly connected to Him so that we can bear His fruit to others.

My mother-in-law understood this verse to the fullest. She was a person that devoted her time for the Lord. She had the qualities of Christ through her loving nature for others, her patience and gentleness. She was a humble person yet strong in her faith. Her kindness, peacefulness, and forgiving attitude all came from her strength in the Lord which she developed through her study of the Bible, her quiet time with the Lord, and through prayer. She would pray for Jesus to give her understanding but she would do more than most of us would

when she prayed, she would listen for Him to speak to her.

She was a godly woman, a good wife, and a great leader and mother to her children. My wife and I both miss her more than we can ever express, however the legacy that she instilled into her children through her actions, words, and love for Christ will live on forever.

The more I study John chapter 15, the more I realize how we are to be like Christ. We are to give ourselves to Christ and be like Him in every way. Just as He depended upon the Heavenly Father every day for wisdom and strength to do His will, we are to do the same. My mother-in-law knew this and was a tremendous, shining example to everyone around her.

Prayer: Father I pray that I can be more like you and be the branch that bears much fruit. I praise you and give you all the glory for everything on earth and in Heaven. Amen.

(Suggested daily Bible readings: Sunday - John 15:1-16; Monday - Psalm 42:11; Tuesday - 1 Peter 1:13-16; Wednesday - Proverbs 8:12-17; Thursday - 1 Corinthians 2:6-16; Friday - Deuteronomy 11:13-15; Saturday - Ephesians 6:24.)

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04/08/20, 04/15/20, 04/22/20

NOTICE OF SUBSTITUTE TRUSTEE'S SALE

STATE OF MISSISSIPPI
COUNTY OF HANCOCK

WHEREAS, default has occurred in the performance of the covenants, terms and conditions of a Deed of Trust dated May 13, 2014, executed by MICHAEL ZOERNER, DEBORAH ZOERNER, conveying certain real property therein described to MICHAEL LYON, as Trustee, for Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc. as nominee for Quicken Loans Inc., Original Beneficiary, to secure the indebtedness therein described, as same appears of record in the office of the Chancery Clerk of Hancock County, Mississippi filed and recorded May 27, 2014, in Deed Book 2014, Page 8841 ; and

WHEREAS, the beneficial interest of said Deed of Trust was transferred and assigned to Quicken Loans Inc.; and

WHEREAS, the undersigned, Rubin Lublin, LLC has been appointed as Substitute Trustee; and

NOW, THEREFORE, the holder of said Deed of Trust, having requested the undersigned so to do, as Substitute Trustee or his duly appointed agent, by virtue of the power, duty and authority vested and imposed upon said Substitute Trustee shall, on April 15, 2020 within the lawful hours of sale between 11:00AM and 4:00PM at the front door of the Courthouse proceed to sell at public outcry to the highest and best bidder for cash or certified funds ONLY, the following described property situated in Hancock County, Mississippi, to wit:

LAND SITUATED IN THE COUNTY OF HANCOCK IN THE STATE OF MISSISSIPPI, TO-WIT: LOTS 19, 20, 21, 22 AND 23, BLOCK 239, BAYSIDE PARK SUBDIVISION, UNIT 3, PER THE OFFICIAL PLAT THEREOF ON FILE IN THE OFFICE OF THE CHANCERY CLERK OF HANCOCK COUNTY, MISSISSIPPI.

PROPERTY ADDRESS: The street address of the property is believed to be 7107 SUNFLOWER ST, BAY SAINT LOUIS, MS 39520. In the event of any discrepancy between this street address and the legal description of the property, the legal description shall control.

Title to the above described property is believed to be good, but I will convey only such title as is vested in me as Substitute Trustee. THIS LAW FIRM IS ATTEMPTING TO COLLECT A DEBT. ANY INFORMATION OBTAINED WILL BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE.

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ORDINANCE NO. 645-04-2020
CITY OF BAY ST. LOUIS, MISSISSIPPI-AN ORDINANCE OF THE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF BAY ST. LOUIS PERTAINING TO VIOLATIONS OF ORDERS OF CURFEWS, OTHER ORDERS AND PROHIBITING ACTIVITIES IN THE CITY BY THE MAYOR DURING A PROCLAIMED CIVIL EMERGENCY

WHEREAS, the Mayor has the legal authority to proclaim a state of emergency within the City of Bay St. Louis pursuant to § 45-17-3, Miss. Code Ann. (1972); and

WHEREAS, § 45-17-5, Miss. Code Ann. (1972) allows the chief administrative officer, to order a general curfew applicable to such geographical areas of the municipality or to the municipality as a whole as deemed advisable, and applicable during such hours of the day or night as deemed necessary in the interest of the public safety and welfare; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to § 45-17-7, Miss. Code Ann. (1972) the chief administrative officer has the discretion, in the interest of public safety and welfare to (1) Order the closing of all retail liquor stores; (2) Order the discontinuance of the sale of intoxicating liquor and/or beer; (3) Order the discontinuance of the manufacture, transfer, use, possession or transportation of a Molotov cocktail or any other device, instrument or object designed to explode or produce uncontained combustion; (4) Order the discontinuance of selling, distributing, dispensing or giving away of any firearms or ammunition of any character whatsoever; and (5) Issue such other orders as are necessary for the protection of life and property; and

WHEREAS, § 45-17-3, Miss. Code Ann. (1972) provides that a municipality may provide by ordinance that at any person violating the provisions of orders issued by the chief administrative officer pursuant to this authorization during a proclaimed civil emergency be guilty of a misdemeanor and be punished by a fine not exceeding Three Hundred Dollars (\$300.00) or six (6) months imprisonment, or both such fine and imprisonment.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED by the Mayor and City Council of the City of Bay St. Louis as follows that Ordinance Number 645-04-2020: is adopted as follows:

AN ORDINANCE OF THE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF BAY ST. LOUIS PERTAINING TO VIOLATIONS OF ORDERS OF CURFEWS, OTHER ORDERS AND PROHIBITING ACTIVITIES IN THE CITY BY THE MAYOR DURING A PROCLAIMED CIVIL EMERGENCY

Section 1. For purposes of this section, a "civil emergency" is defined as any emergency in the city defined as a civil emergency by § 45-17-1, Miss. Code Ann. (1972), including the following:

(A) A riot or unlawful assembly characterized by any use of force or violence disturbing the public peace, or any threat to use such force and violence, if accompanied by immediate power of execution, by two (2) or more persons acting together and without authority of law.

(B) Any natural disaster or manmade calamity including, but not limited to, flood, conflagration, cyclone, tornado, earthquake or explosion within the geographic limits of the municipality resulting in the death or injury of persons, or destruction of property to such an extent that extraordinary measures must be taken to protect the public health, safety and welfare.

(C) The destruction of property, or the death or injury of persons brought about by deliberate acts of one (1) or more persons acting either alone or in concert with others when such acts are a threat to the peace of the general public or any segment thereof.

Section 2. For purposes of this section, a "curfew" is hereby defined as a prohibition against any person or persons walking, running, loitering, standing, sitting, lying or motoring upon any alley, street, public property or vacant premises within the corporate limits of the municipality except persons officially designated to duty with reference to said civil emergency or those lawfully on the streets as defined hereinafter.

Section 3. For purposes of this section, "chief administrative officer" during a proclaimed civil emergency as referred to in title 17, chapter 45, Miss. Code Ann. (1972) is the mayor or in his absence, the duly appointed mayor pro tem of the city.

Section 4. After a state of emergency has been declared by the governing authority of the city, and during the period of the state of emergency, pursuant to § 45-17-3, Miss. Code Ann., when, in the judgment of the chief administrative officer a civil emergency as defined herein is determined to exist, he shall forthwith proclaim in writing the existence of the same, and a copy of which proclamation will be filed with the clerk of the city.

Section 5. Curfew order. After proclamation of a civil emergency by the chief administrative officer, he may order a general curfew applicable to such geographical areas of the city or to the city as a whole as he deems advisable, and applicable during such hours of the day or night as he deems necessary in the interest of the public safety and welfare. Said proclamation and general curfew shall have the force and effect of law and shall continue in effect until rescinded in writing by the chief administrative officer. If the order does not specify geographic limits for which it applies, then it shall apply to the city as a whole. Unless otherwise rescinded by the chief administrative officer, the curfew order shall stay in effect until the expiration of the proclaimed civil emergency.

Section 6. Exemptions from curfew orders. Curfews ordered under this section shall not apply to persons lawfully on

the streets and public places during a civil emergency who have obtained written permission of the local chief of police or other law enforcement officer then in charge of municipal law enforcement, including the permission of the chief administrative officer, which permission shall be granted on good cause shown. This curfew shall not apply to medical personnel in the performance of their duties, or any employees of the city or of the city's contractors who are acting within the scope of their employment performing essential public service during the time of civil emergency.

Section 7. Order(s) prohibiting activities. After proclamation of a civil emergency, the chief administrative officer may at his discretion, in the interest of public safety and welfare issue any such order(s) or proclamation(s) as are necessary for the protection of life and property.

Section 8. Violations of orders declared misdemeanors, penalties. Any person violating the provision of orders issued by the chief administrative officer pursuant to this section during a proclaimed civil emergency shall be guilty of a misdemeanor and may be punished by a fine not exceeding three hundred dollars (\$300.00) or six (6) months' imprisonment, or both such fine and imprisonment. These penalties shall not exceed the penalties that may be imposed under § 45-17-9. Miss. Code Ann. (1972), if amended.

After being reduced to writing, the forgoing Ordinance was read and considered, section by section, and then as a whole, whereupon, Councilman Larry Smith moved for its adoption, and after a second by Councilman Buddy Zimmerman, the following roll call vote was had:

Councilman Gary Knoblock	YEA
Councilman Doug Seal	YEA
Councilman Gene Hoffman	YEA
Councilman Jeffery Reed	YEA
Councilman Larry Smith	YEA
Councilman Buddy Zimmerman	YEA
Councilman Josh Desalvo	YEA

Approved by the City Council of the City of Bay St. Louis on the 2nd day of April, 2020. 04/08/20

REQUEST FOR QUALIFIED CONTRACTORS FOR EMERGENCY LOGISTICS SERVICES

COAST ELECTRIC POWER ASSOCIATION

Coast Electric Power Association will soon be soliciting proposals from qualified contractors for the provision of emergency logistics services in the event of a major power outage. Types of services requested include sleeping quarters, shower and toilet facilities, catering, etc.

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NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING
PLANNING AND ZONING COMMISSION
DIAMONDHEAD, MS

OneDiamondhead, LLC has filed an application requesting a map amendment (Rezoning) in accordance with the Zoning Ordinance Article 2.8 (Amendment (Rezoning Procedure). The Case File Number is 2020

OneDiamondhead, LLC desires to change the current zoning from R-1 (Low Density Single Family) to R-2 (Median Density Single Family) in part. The majority of the property is already zoned R-2. The tax parcel number is 067L-0-35-012.000 in part. The purpose of this map amendment is to have the same zoning district classification for a proposed 11 lot subdivision on a 5.91 acre tract of land. Currently part of the proposed subdivision is zoned R-1 and R-2.

The parcel of property is generally described as being bounded by the 5th, 6th, 7th 13th and 14th fairways of the Cardinal golf course. It is also east of and adjacent to Diamondhead Drive West.

The parcel of property is legally described as 39.29 Acre-Legal Description Beginning at a 1/2" Rebar Found at the Southern Corner common to Lot 1, Block 13, Unit 11, Phase 2 of Diamondhead Subdivision and Lot 5, Block 3, Unit 6, Phase 2 of Diamondhead Subdivision; thence along the boundary of Unit 6, Phase 2 for the following six courses: North 73 degrees 51 minutes 37 seconds East 183.89 feet to a 5/8" Rebar Set with Cap; thence North 84 degrees 13 minutes 44 seconds East 519.64 feet to a 5/8" Rebar Set with Cap; thence North 52 degrees 37 minutes 34 seconds East 324.25 feet to a 5/8" Rebar Set with Cap; thence North 33 degrees 27 minutes 08 seconds East 1199.12 feet to a 5/8" Rebar Set with Cap; thence North 51 degrees 36 minutes 56 seconds East 71.05 feet to a 1/2" Rebar Found; thence North 39 degrees 20 minutes 43 seconds West 125.00 feet to a 1/2" Rebar Found on the South margin of Diamondhead Drive West; thence along said margin, North 50 degrees 36 minutes 42 seconds East 484.90 feet to a 1/2" Rebar Found; thence leaving said road margin, South 39 degrees 13 minutes 41 seconds East 280.36 feet to a 5/8" Rebar Set with Cap; thence South 27 degrees 33 minutes 15 seconds West 125.53 feet to a 1/2" Rebar Found; thence South 15 degrees 29 minutes 56 seconds West 696.74 feet to a 5/8" Rebar Set with Cap; thence South 81 degrees 46 minutes 15 seconds East 124.09 feet to a 1/2" Rebar Found; thence South 33 degrees 28 minutes 57 seconds East 85.27 feet to a 1/2" Rebar Found; thence South 00 degrees 57 minutes 39 seconds East 199.46 feet to a 1/2" Rebar Found; thence South 32 degrees 04 minutes 44 seconds East 392.48 feet to a 1/2" Rebar Found; thence South 68 degrees 51 minutes 35 seconds West 427.81 feet to a 1/2" Rebar Found; thence North 86 degrees 57 minutes 36 seconds West 80.44 feet to a 5/8" Rebar Set with Cap; thence North 31 degrees 40 minutes 26 seconds West 153.06 feet to a 1/2" Rebar Found; thence North 69 degrees 08 minutes 28 seconds West 114.90 feet to a 1/2" Rebar Found; thence North 37 degrees 31 minutes 20 seconds West 121.81 feet to a 1/2" Rebar Found; thence North 74 degrees 36 minutes 02 seconds West 54.93 feet to a 1/2" Rebar Found; thence South 41 degrees 13 minutes 19 seconds West 77.46 feet to a 1/2" Rebar Found; thence South 08 degrees 13 minutes 49 seconds East 63.70 feet to a 1/2" Rebar Found; thence South 79 degrees 55 minutes 34 seconds West 116.58 feet to a 5/8" Rebar Set with Cap; thence South 44 degrees 00 minutes 04 seconds West 202.23 feet to a 1/2" Rebar Found; thence South 75 degrees 39 minutes 54 seconds West 210.44 feet to a 1/2" Rebar Found; thence South 56 degrees 22 minutes 27 seconds West 132.25 feet to a 5/8" Rebar Set with Cap; thence South 62 degrees 27 minutes 53 seconds West 50.90 feet to a 1/2" Rebar Found; thence South 79 degrees 16 minutes 26 seconds West 65.34 feet to a 1/2" Rebar Found; thence South 51 degrees 30 minutes 41 seconds West 89.96 feet to a 5/8" Rebar Set with Cap; thence South 65 degrees 10 minutes 12 seconds West 74.36 feet to a 1/2" Rebar Found; thence South 82 degrees 26 minutes 03 seconds West 53.81 feet to a 5/8" Rebar Set with Cap; thence South 39 degrees 58 minutes 19 seconds West 102.07 feet to a 5/8" Rebar Set with Cap; thence South 53 degrees 06 minutes 34 seconds West 53.16 feet to a 1/2" Rebar Found; thence South 73 degrees 44 minutes 57 seconds West 62.20 feet to a 1/2" Rebar Found; thence South 50 degrees 32 minutes 03 seconds West 209.77 feet to a 1/2" Rebar Found; thence South 58 degrees 02 minutes 33 seconds West 256.20 feet to a 1/2" Rebar Found; thence North 70 degrees 17 minutes 08 seconds West 73.73 feet to a 1/2" Rebar Found; thence North 43 degrees 09 minutes 59 seconds West 61.34 feet to a 5/8" Rebar Set with Cap; thence North 17 degrees 13 minutes 33 seconds West 132.25 feet to a 1/2" Rebar Found; thence North 16 degrees 54 minutes 19 seconds East 70.19 feet to a 5/8" Rebar Set with Cap; thence North 39 degrees 56 minutes 05 seconds East 75.16 feet to a 5/8" Rebar Set with Cap; thence North 01 degrees 16 minutes 36 seconds West 37.85 feet to a 5/8" Rebar Set with Cap; thence North 24 degrees 47 minutes 10 seconds East 54.36 feet to a 1/2" Rebar Found; thence North 00 degrees 58 minutes 02 seconds West 86.20 feet to a 5/8" Rebar Set with Cap; thence North 52 degrees 40 minutes 31 seconds West 150.15 feet to a

1/2" Rebar Found; thence North 48 degrees 33 minutes 50 seconds East 25.73 feet to a 5/8" Rebar Set with Cap; thence North 60 degrees 50 minutes 14 seconds East 156.43 feet to the Point of Beginning, containing 39.29 acres, more or less, and being located in Section 35, Township 7 South, Range 14 West, Hancock County, Mississippi. The Basis of Bearings is the Mississippi State Plane Coordinate System, NAD 83, MS East Zone. In accordance with Article 2.8.2, the City Council shall have jurisdiction with respect to all Text Amendments and Rezoning. The Planning Commission shall review and submit a recommendation to the City Council on Text Amendments and Rezoning.

The Planning and Zoning Commission will consider this application at its next regularly scheduled meeting on Tuesday, April 28, 2020 at 6:00 p.m. The public hearing will be held at Diamondhead City Hall in the Council Chambers at 5000 Diamondhead Circle in Diamondhead, MS 39525. Seating will be limited based on the Governor's Executive Order and following the CDC guidelines for social distancing due to the covid-19 virus. This meeting will also be live streamed for your convenience.

If you have any questions or comments or would like to review the application, you may contact the Building Department at the above address and/or at 228-222-4626. 04/01/20, 04/08/20

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what's allowed by Mississippi law."

The violations will vary based on what the particular state of emergency calls for, which now involves the COVID-19 pandemic, Council President Josh DeSalvo said.

Prior to a vote on the ordinance, Councilman Doug Seal asked about Miss. Code 45-17-7, listed in the ordinance, which states that the chief administrative officer, for mayor, has the discretion, "in the interest of public safety and welfare to (1) Order the closing of all retail liquor stores; (2) Order the discontinuance of the sale of intoxicating liquor and/or beer; (3) Order the discontinuance of the manufacture, transfer, use, possession or transportation of a Molotov cocktail or any other device, instrument or object designed to explode or produce uncontained combustion; (4) Order the discontinuance of selling, distributing, dispensing or giving away of any firearms or ammunition of any character whatsoever; and (5) Issue such other orders as are necessary for the protection of life and property."

Smith said that state law allows a city to declare a local state of emergency, which is what Bay St. Louis is under now. That is Miss. Code 45-17-3, 45-17-5, and 45-17-1, which are the civil emergency codes for cities to follow.

Under those codes,

the mayor can take such action as issuing a curfew, Smith said.

Miss. Code 45-17-3 allows the city to issue a penalty for a misdemeanor with a fine of \$300 or six months imprisonment, Smith said.

"Any time we're under a local state of emergency, the mayor can close liquor stores," she said.

But it is not required for him to do so, she said.

"Whether it's in your ordinance or not, and it's actually not in your ordinance, this is just explaining it, he has the authority

Seal asked that under the state of emergency, if the section regarding selling alcohol and guns applied since it is state law?

"Just like we can make the governor's thing more restrictive, not less restrictive, I think this is just the power to make it this restrictive, but you don't have to," DeSalvo said.

Smith said that more often than not, a state emergency will follow a local emergency.

"You have two different governments here, you have the state that has their powers and then you have Bay St. Louis as a city that has their own individual powers," Smith said.

"So you have multiple different elements of the law that are all working together here."

Seal said that he would vote "no" on the ordinance as-is because he didn't "understand it."

If a council member decided to vote "no" and the ordinance does not pass unanimously, Smith said, then within the 30 days that it takes for it to become law, "anybody who violates, that does whatever, you have no mechanisms of shutting anybody down, you have no mechanism of writing tickets."

Knoblock said "that you could still write tickets for speeding," and suggested waiting 24 more hours to "research a little more."

"I just don't understand the difference between state law and the governor can say 'you can't go to the beaches in Bay St. Louis', which he did, and we're going to ratify on top of it," Seal said.

"What's the difference if a state law that says you can't do this in a state of emergency, but we're going to adopt another special thing. So to me, the state of Mississippi shouldn't be selling guns or beer right now or alcohol."

DeSalvo said that it says "at the discretion of."

Smith said the council is not "adopting any of that."

"That is what it is, that's state law," she said.

"All you're doing is, say, if you have a restaurant out there today that refuses to shut down and they have 20 people in it, right now you don't have anything to do with them. This allows you to issue them a misdemeanor and gives them a specific code that you can write. That's the only thing that this changes. If you have people that are congregating in groups of 20 on the beach, you can go out there to the right now and give them a ticket right now for violation of whatever ordinance no this is, a violation of 45-17-3 of the Mississippi law and give all of them tickets."

Smith said that state law allows for the city to enforce 45-17-3, which pertains to civil emergencies, but it needs an ordinance in place to do so.

Councilman Gene Hoffman said whether

the emergency is related to COVID-19 or a natural disaster like a hurricane, there will be different restrictions.

"This is giving the city the authority to enforce it by giving out a ticket that has a penalty," he said.

"Then they would have to appear before the municipal court."

Smith said "that's correct."

"State law gives you the tool to do it, but you have to adopt an ordinance in order to utilize that state law," she said.

DeSalvo said that "all too many times there's a lot of rules in place with no penalties and you don't find out until it's time to enforce it and then you might as well not have the rules if you have no punishment for it."

"So that's why I believe this a good ordinance to pass," DeSalvo said.

"We need to have enforcement behind the rules."

Smith said there have been incidents within the city with people "not wanting to abide by the orders that are in place."

Knoblock said that the problem he had with the way the ordinance is worded pertained to Section 1 A.

"It says a riot or unlawful assembly characterized by any use of force or violence disturbing the public peace, or any threat to use such force and violence, if accompanied by immediate power of execution by two or more persons acting together and without authority of law," he said.

"Is it going to be two or more or is it going to be 10?"

Smith said that Section 1 is "copied and pasted" from Mississippi State law, which defines a civil emergency.

"Right now, what we're under Section 1 B, a natural disaster is what would be considered that we're under the civil emergency for right now," she said.

"So if a riot broke out tomorrow and a civil emergency needed to be declared because everything got crazy and for some reason a riot broke out not pertaining to COVID, and you had to do a civil emergency, that's where that picks up."

Section C definition of a civil emergency applies to the "destruction of property, or the death or injury of persons brought about by deliberate acts of one or more persons acting either alone or in concert with others when such acts are a threat to the peace of the general public or any segment thereof."

"Right now you're under a civil emergency based on B of 45-17-1," Smith said.

Councilman Jeffery Reed asked if for instance, how would the city enforce an instance where people lined up in their cars at a medical facility or for food distribution, that didn't get out of their cars.

"You got ten or twenty cars," Reed said.

"Is that all congregating more than ten people?"

Smith said no.

"If you're in line at McDonald's to get your Big Mac and there's ten cars in line at McDonald's to get your Big Mac, you're perfectly fine," she said.

"You're in your own car, you're doing essential business. If you all decide to get out and go sit on the lawn at McDonald's and you have 15 people eating Big Macs together, that is a violation of our order and the state's order."

Knoblock said he was still not comfortable with voting on the ordinance and Seal said he

would vote "yes" now but wanted it placed on the agenda for the next council meeting.

"I feel as uncomfortable as you do with this Doug, and I'll be honest you, as far as I know, nobody's ever voted on something like this before and this is not a normal disaster like Katrina was where you had all this destruction and all these groups of people looting and things like that," Knoblock said.

"I just don't know if we're going too far."

Councilman Larry Seal said that "it's what we're trying to prevent."

Knoblock said that he was uncomfortable with it where "people just can't go walk around."

Favre said that this ordinance doesn't stop that.

DeSalvo said that it gives the city to right to force businesses and people that don't comply with the current orders regarding social distance.

"If there's 30 people on the beach or at the Washington Street Pier," DeSalvo said.

"It (ordinance) gives us the authority to write them a citation under this statute for not following the state of emergency. I don't see them kicking anybody off the sidewalk or for walking down the streets by themselves or anything like that."

Councilman Buddy Zimmerman said this gives the city the permission to "protect other people's families."

"It gives the city permission to do what they have to do to keep my family from getting harmed, to keep my grandmother from getting sick, to keep one of my children from getting sick," Zimmerman said.

"It's not like we can choose and say we're not going to do this. We've got to protect these people."

Heather Smith said that no matter what type of emergency exists, "each one of those, you're going to have different orders and proclamations that you have to put in place and why this wasn't adopted 30 years ago, 40 years ago, I have no clue. Every other city has this."

She added that maybe it was adopted at one point, but wasn't transferred to the city's municipality.

Seal asked the city to provide the council with copies of the ordinances from other cities.

DeSalvo said that he would like to go ahead and pass the resolution now, instead of waiting for the city's next meeting on April 7.

"We've got another weekend coming up with a business that might not comply before our next meeting," he said.

"That's another reason I would like to see it go through the sooner the better. That's when you're going to have people come to the beaches from out-of-state, more things going on and more possible infractions and not complying with the Safer-At-Home orders they just put in place. I think the police and the mayor need a mechanism to enforce it. This is the mechanism to enforce it and protect the ones who are doing right. The ones doing wrong need to be punished if they're doing wrong. And the one's doing right need to be protected and that's our job. We need to do that. We owe it to them."

The council passed Ordinance No. 644-04-2020 unanimously.

A draft copy of the ordinance can be viewed on the Sea Coast Echo website.

PSC Coordinating with Utility Providers to Suspend Online Convenience Fees

SEA COAST ECHO

The Mississippi Public Service Commission is coordinating with utility providers under its jurisdiction to temporarily suspend convenience fees for online payments during the COVID-19

outbreak. These providers are Entergy Mississippi, Mississippi Power Company, Atmos Energy, CenterPoint Energy and Spire Gas. “Suspending these online convenience fees is the right thing to do during this time where

social distancing and online payments are encouraged,” Chairman Dane Maxwell said. “We will continue to closely monitor the COVID-19 situation and identify ways we can protect customers.” “We thank these utilities for taking measures

to help defer costs associated with online bill payments as a means to reduce person-to-person contact,” Central District Commissioner Brent Bailey said. “We encourage everyone to take proper precautions as we work through this health emer-

gency.” “Little things like temporarily waiving fees for paying bills online help ensure more people pay online when people are staying home and social distancing is encouraged,” Northern District Commissioner Brandon Presley said. “It’s also

a small gesture to help in this time of economic distress.” This action comes after an order issued by the Commission on March 15 that temporarily suspended utility cutoffs for a period of sixty days to help customers handle the COVID-19 outbreak.

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should be restricted to patients who are admitted to hospitals with COVID-19 infections. The role of hydroxychloroquine and chloroquine in an individual patient’s care should be discussed with an infectious diseases physician at the healthcare facility.” Yanez said that as far as he knows, there are only two infectious diseases physicians on the entire Mississippi Gulf Coast.

The Board of Pharmacy further warned pharmacists should monitor the availability of the medication and “are encouraged to use their professional judgement and are allowed to deny prescriptions based on the above information, if necessary.”

“This is a total travesty,” Yanez said. In many cases, he said, the major chain pharmacies in each region are getting the supplies of Plaquenil, but refusing to give it to patients; and the smaller pharmacies that would be more likely to cooperate with physicians are getting squeezed out. “It’s on national back-order,” Thomas Turfitt, owner and pharmacist at MidTown Pharmacy & Gifts in Bay St. Louis, said Monday. “Any surplus (the U.S.) is getting is being directed to other parts of the



Echo staff photo by Geoff Belcher
Dr. Dimitry Yanez and Hancock Women’s Center staff members Charu Garg and Brittany McDaniel on Tuesday work with local first-responders to both test them for COVID-19 and prepare them to deal with coronavirus patients.

country.” “Mississippi is sort of at the end of the road,” Yanez said. “We’ve been working with the doctors and the suppliers as much as we can to help get what the patients need,” Turfitt said. Local legislators have promised to help in that battle, he said. Meanwhile, Yanez said, “we are staying with patients here (at the clinic) so they get better quickly and don’t have to go the hospital.” Hancock Women’s Center is located at 1009 Benigno Lane in Bay St. Louis. Walk-in patients, both male and female, adults and children, are welcome, with results in 36-48 hours. The ambulatory clinic hours are Monday-Thursday, 8 a.m.-5 p.m.; and Friday, 8 a.m.-2 p.m. For more,

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Thompson returns to Bay High as Lady Tigers’ mentor



Photo courtesy of the Jordan National Team
New Bay High Lady Tigers head basketball coach Kelton Thompson coaching during international competition with the Jordanian National Team.

BY JOSEPH W. GEX, II
STAFF WRITER

No matter where any of us travel during our lives, we are never far from home because home is always calling to us. That rings very true for Kelton Thompson who was named the new head basketball coach for the Bay High Lady Tigers on Thursday, March 19th. Thompson returns to Bay High after leading several programs and coaching, literally, all over the world. He stated, “Debbie Triplett gave me a chance to be a head basketball

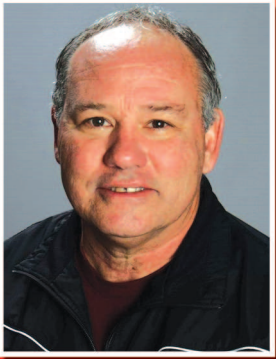
coach when I had no experience as a head coach. She developed one of the greatest programs, boys or girls, in the state right here in Bay St. Louis. I know how much this program means to her as she has been a mentor to me and we have always been close. This is a school district that I am familiar with. I am very excited about the leadership within the district. I am looking forward to getting started with great anticipation.” Thompson is a 1996 Saint Stanislaus graduate where he spent seven years as a boarding student and prepped under

former SSC head coach and current USM head coach Jay Ladner. At SSC, Thompson helped lead the Rocks to the Class 4A state tournament for the first time in 50 years in 1996 before signing to play at William Carey in Hattiesburg. After his collegiate playing days were done, he returned to Bay St. Louis where he was an assistant at SSC under Ladner for six years before Debbie Triplett hired him as the boys head coach at Bay High. Thompson led the Tigers from 2006-12 accumulating a record of 120-79 and the 2010 Class 4A state championship. He coached one season under Ladner at Jones County Junior College during 2012-13 before stepping away from coaching for two seasons. Thompson returned to the Mississippi high school ranks as head coach of Pearl River Central for the 2015-16 season where he led them to the #1-seed in the their division tournament with a 9-17 record. He moved to Picayune and led the Maroon Tide for two seasons racking up a record of 41-19. Thompson spent the 2018-19 season as an assistant coach for the Jordanian National Team where they came within one victory of qualifying for the 2020 Tokyo Olympics. At the end of the 2019 international

season, Thompson heard home calling him back and returned Hancock County. Thompson added, “I have had the opportunity to coach at some great institutions and be involved with the game at a national and professional level. And, I had an opportunity to continue coaching club ball on the international level but it was time to come home.” This past season the Lady Tigers advanced to the first round of the Class 4A state playoffs with a 7-22 record under interim head coach and former Lady Tiger standout Sarah Gilmore Taylor. Thompson ended, “I have not had an opportunity to see any of the players on the court but I do know that the girls who played for Coach Triplett never lacked for a challenge. As soon as we are able to get back on the court, we will move forward establishing our process and getting to work. This is where I started as a head coach so it is a very special place for me. I am very blessed to be back and consider it an honor and privilege to be here.” As soon as the CoVid-19 outbreak and threat has subsided and the MHSAA ushers participation back, Thompson will begin to rally his troops for the 2020-21 season. Thompson has a career high school head coaching record of

170-115, two division titles, two Final Four

berths and a Class 4A state championship.



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Great Big Fun



Shore Thing Fishing Report
By Cpt. Sonny Schindler

Myself and my family have been doing the quarantine thing a lot lately. We have been washing our hands, and avoiding crowds. I have been playing captain and professor(home schooling). My wife decided we needed to get some fresh air and “social distancing”. We all decided to make a family fishing trip. It was perfect! We didn’t get within half a mile from the nearest person. I honestly can’t recall weather this nice, this time of year. Of course I had a hidden agenda on this last trip. My daughter Margot has caught a few big fish, but not many. I wanted her to get comfortable fighting really big fish. We tagged and released



a few small redfish early, then went to pick a fight with the big fellas. I brought my bigger spinning reels, on heavy rods. These are the ones I use for bulls, sharks and Jacks. With 100lb braided line, I really wasn’t worried about the line breaking. We fished the near shore rock piles off Pass Christian. They were loaded with big black drum. About as fast as we could get the lines out, the poles would double over with a fish. It was pretty fun watching her fight fish nearly as long as her. She got better and better with every fish. By the end of our trip, her form, technique and fight times all had greatly improved. We kept 2 small puppy drum for dinner, and released every thing else. I feel confident that my little buddy can now tackle much bigger fish. We may be venturing offshore one of these days to tackle snapper, cobia, or maybe even tuna? It’s this repetition that makes us all better. At the end

of the day, it’s learning, fishing, family time, and fun. As always, have fun and be safe



GAMES

ON TAP THIS WEEK

NOTE:

All MHSAA games and practices for Athletics and Fine Arts have been suspended through April 17th and until further notice. The MHSAA followed the Governor’s order on March 20th to close all public schools until April 17th. The MHSAA State Archery Championships, Mississippi Choral Arts Festival and State Choral Performance Assessments, and the MHSAA Concert Band Championships have been canceled and will not be made up due to scheduling and logistical issues. Spring football has also been canceled for the remainder of the 2019-20 school year. Further information will be released as it is announced.